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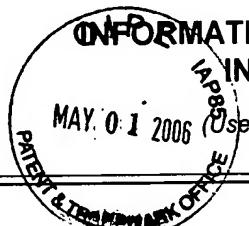
- Enclosed is a Japanese language office action for a counterpart application. The office action lists two documents, one of which was submitted in a previous IDS.
- The applicant has provided a translation of one of the cited references as a matter of courtesy. The translation has not been reviewed for accuracy.
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